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ANN HARRIS

The past year was a series of dips and peaks, challenges and opportunities.

The year started on a high note. The tremendous fundraising efforts of the Board and your amazing support allowed us to reintroduce the second meal for some of our most at-risk recipients.

Two weeks later, the outlook changed. State funding for low-income recipients at risk of being institutionalized was all but eliminated. Thankfully, because of your support, Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels (YMOW) was able to continue feeding these fragile people, but we had to cut the second meal again. This summer, State funding resumed, thanks to all the letter writers, but a cap on service remains.



In an effort to insulate our clients against such events in the future, the YMOW Board of Directors has established the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels Endowment Fund. A Board committee is guiding the growth of this long-term financing strategy.

With help from friends we took two items off the “to-do” list. Volunteer, Michelle Radcliff, produced a terrific YMOW educational video, and the great technical team at the NEW Center created a new, improved web site (ymow.org). Now contributors can donate electronically using a credit card.

Other high notes include the growing support of our

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Food for Thought

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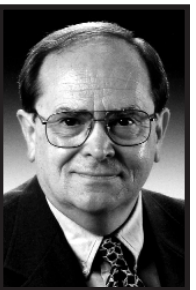
MORELL BOONE

In last year’s newsletter, President Jim Vick, now Vice-President Jim Vick, talked about the challenges we faced after 9/11. The downturn in our economy has emerged as one of these. Unfortunately, the population that YMOW serves are some of the people most affected by this troubling situation. Our services are needed more than ever while our State funding and other allocations are decreasing.

I have met many of you during my 22 year EMU service and my three years on the YMOW Board. I have learned first-hand how our loyal Board members, dedicated staff, selfless volunteers, and passionate supporters keep us on the road. We have a simple and direct mission – getting a hot, nutritious meal to those who need it. You know that our people care about the people they are serving.

The theme of this year’s Annual Appeal, “Today and Tomorrow,” says it all. We need your continued support for the day-to-day operations. We count on this appeal and our three major fundraisers (Holiday Home Tour, Celebrity Dinner and Golf Outing.) However, for tomorrow we need additional support from those people and corporations who can give a bit more through “endowment giving” via our new relationship with the Ypsilanti Community Fund. These contributions come under a special Michigan Tax Credit for the donor, but they aren’t available to support day-to-day operations; they are for the future.

As always, thanks for caring,
Morell Boone



Volunteer Group Profile



LOCAL 898 & YMOW - A GREAT NEW PARTNERSHIP

The United Way Day of Caring was the official kick-off of YMOW’s new partnership with Local 898. More than 25 members of Local 898 (workers at the Rawsonville Visteon Plant) now have first hand knowledge of YMOW and its services after spending

the day delivering meals. We are excited about this new relationship and are currently exploring ways that the Local can support our efforts. Keep an eye out for our vans, which are sporting signs recognizing this new relationship.

Visteon Rawsonville
United Way Day of Caring Volunteers





PAUL KUWIK AND VICKI REAUME



Dr. Paul Kuwik likes to be involved with civic activities and events. So when we asked him to join the Board of Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels, he accepted with enthusiasm.

Dr. Kuwik is Department Head of Interdisciplinary Technology at Eastern Michigan University. He interacts with 22 other university departments to develop interdisciplinary undergraduate and graduate programs. For ten years, Paul was also President of the Humane Society of Huron Valley. Under his leadership, the Society raised funds for an animal clinic and an educational facility for children's summer workshops. Prior to his Humane Society involvement, Paul worked with the Boys' Club. He also did fundraising for United Way.

Now he has chosen to work with Meals on Wheels. His father had received Meals on Wheels while living in upstate New York. So, Paul knows the fine work of our organization. We at Meals on Wheels are happy to have Paul as a new member of the Board. His experience and expertise, especially in the area of fundraising, are of great value to our organization. We welcome him enthusiastically.

Paul's wife, Beatrice (Bea), is the head guidance counselor at Lincoln High School. Paul and Bea have two adult daughters.



Vicki Reaume is Director of Alumni Relations at Eastern Michigan University. She manages the alumni relations operation, communicates regularly with alumni, and plans numerous programs and special initiatives for EMU graduates and the entire university community.

She is involved in many professional organizations and serves as a member of the Leadership Ypsilanti Planning Committee for the Chamber of Commerce. She is a member of the Fund Distribution Panel for Washtenaw United Way.

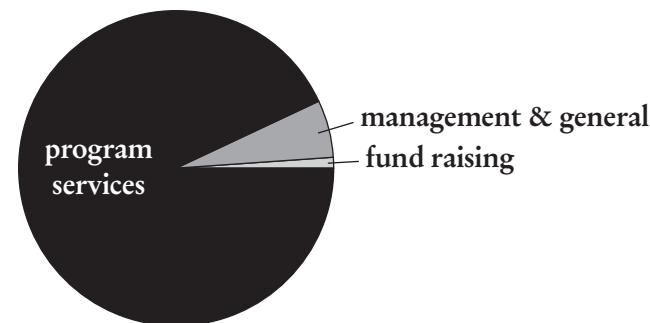
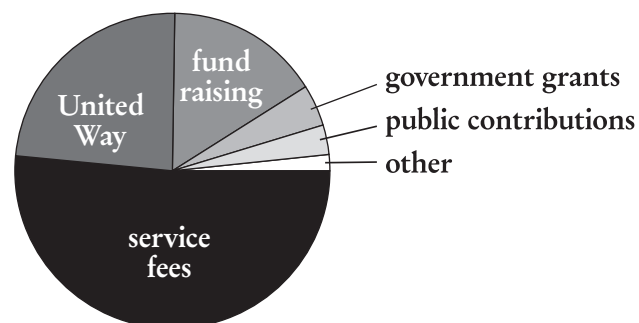
Reaume joined the Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels Board because she admires the important work that the organization does for the greater Ypsilanti community. "I know how important this service is. My grandmother received support from her own local Meals on Wheels program when she was recovering from major surgeries and living alone, away from family. Knowing that Grandma was getting a good hot meal every day during her recovery was a huge relief to my family," said Reaume. "This gives me a perfect opportunity to give back and show my appreciation."

Reaume resides in Monroe. When she is not at EMU, she enjoys roller blading, golf, reading, swimming, shopping, and being with family and friends.

Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels

2001 FINANCES

Since we will soon be asking you to consider donating money to us, we want to tell you where our funds come from and how we spend them. We are proud to spend 92% of all YMOW monies directly on recipient services.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR YPSILANTI MEALS ON WHEELS!

Friday, November 22 & Saturday, November 23, 2002
Alternative Christmas Market & Small World Shop Open House

For details on this event, please see article on page 6.

Sunday, December 8, 2002, 12:30 pm-5:30 pm
6th Annual Holiday Homes Tour of Ypsilanti
The Parish House, Cross Street Village, and five private residences are dressing up in their holiday finery for you to see. This year's tour is co-sponsored by UAW/Ford/Visteon Pete Pestillo Family Service and Learning Center and Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. All proceeds go to Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at Quinn's Essentials, Me & My Sister's, and Haab's in Ypsilanti; Leidy's and Downtown Home and Garden in Ann Arbor; Calico Cat in Saline. The advance purchase price is \$10.00. Tickets purchased the day of the event are \$15.00.

Thursday, March 20, 2003
Annual Benefit Dinner at the Ypsilanti Marriott at Eagle Crest

Usher in the first day of Spring by joining your friends and neighbors for a sumptuous buffet dinner at the Marriott. Local celebrities are the wait-staff. They compete for tips, which go to Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. Our thanks to the Marriott for helping us raise funds to serve those in need.

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Sunday, April 13, 2003
Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels' Sunday at Haab's
Each year, Haab's dedicates a Sunday to Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. The restaurant contributes 10% of the proceeds from that special Sunday to help us feed the homebound. We are grateful to Haab's for their continued generosity.

Saturday, June 8, 2003
Annual Golf Outing at Hickory Woods
Sign up for our ever-popular 18-hole scramble, a fun way to support those in the community who need our help. The day includes lunch, contests, and prizes. If you don't play golf, you can still participate by sponsoring a hole or contributing prizes.

September-November, 2003
United Way Campaign
Please give generously!
29% of our budget comes from United Way. One of our board members will be happy to speak at your workplace about United Way and Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels.

To schedule a speaker, please give us a call at 487-9669.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S LETTER, CON'T.

brothers and sisters in the UAW. Then, a grant from the Ann Arbor Community Foundation turned a data base disaster into an opportunity for improvement. That disaster involved our volunteer and donor data base, which is not yet completed. So please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions in this newsletter.

Every now and then, our delivery crews are short-handed. This challenge gives me an excuse to put other things aside while I deliver meals and visit with recipients. Take it from me, if you ever need a lift, spend a few hours helping with meal delivery. You will always get more than you give.

All the best to you and yours in the coming year,
Ann Harris



Event Profile

ALTERNATIVE CHRISTMAS MARKET AND SMALL WORLD SHOP

Want gifts that express the true meaning of Christmas and make a difference? Visit the Alternative Christmas Market and Small World Shop open house on Friday, November 22, 5-8 PM and Saturday, November 23, 9 AM-2 PM at First United Methodist Church, 209 Washtenaw Ave, Ypsilanti. Alternative Christmas Market provides creative opportunities to honor loved ones while helping those in need. Small World Shop offers distinctive self-help hand crafts from artisan cooperatives in many lands. Music and refreshments, information and craft activities are available for shoppers of all ages.

Participating agencies include Church World Service, Friends In Deed, Habitat for Humanity, Heifer Project International, Hope Clinic, Interfaith Hospitality Network, Salvation Army, Washtenaw Literacy, Washtenaw Shelter Association, Ypsilanti Hunger Coalition, Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels and Zimbabwe Crafts. For more information call 734-482-8374.

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Volunteer Profile

BOARD ESTABLISHES NEW ENDOWMENT FUND

The Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels (YMOW) Board of Directors voted in August to establish a designated Endowment Fund within the Ypsilanti Community Fund of the Ann Arbor Area Community Foundation. The new Endowment Fund will provide a mechanism for accepting a wider range of gifts, such as bequests, mutual funds, appreciated securities, and real estate. Large contributors can be provided a long-term gift opportunity, and the fund will provide some additional financial stability for YMOW.

“Establishing the Endowment Fund helps us to provide a vehicle for the future that will not be used today to support operations. It will broaden our fundraising program to emphasize fiscal stability for the future,” said Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels Board President Morell Boone.

In addition, donations to the Endowment Fund offer significant tax benefits. The State of Michigan provides a special Community Foundation Tax Credit

New Opportunities for Giving

for charitable gifts made through certified community foundations like the Ann Arbor Area foundation. Michigan law permits individuals and businesses to reduce Michigan Income Tax or Michigan Single Business Tax by a credit of 50 percent of the amount contributed. The tax credits are subject to the following limitations:

- \$100 for an individual who is single or married and filing separately (based on a \$200 gift.)
- \$200 for a married couple filing jointly (based on a \$400 gift.)
- \$5,000 or 10 percent of the tax liability before claiming any credits, whichever is less, for a resident estate or trust (based on a \$10,000 gift.)

“Our future depends on the monetary support we get from our friends in the community,” said Boone. “This new Endowment Fund will give us a steady stream of revenue and allow us to plan more strategically.”

For more information, contact Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels at 734-487-9669 or via e-mail at mealsonwheels@provide.net. One of our Board members will be happy to provide more detail.



BRENDA CAGE - DELIVERING “MORE THAN A MEAL”

“Lord, let me help somebody today.”

That’s how Brenda begins her day. On Tuesdays, when she delivers meals for Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels, she has many chances to help somebody. Not only does she bring the recipients their dinners, she visits with them, checks on their physical and emotional needs, and gives them words of encouragement. Brenda lives our motto: “We deliver more than a meal.”

Brenda loves retirement because she has time to serve. But even when she was working at the General Motors Willow Run plant, Brenda found ways to help others. She coordinated United Way campaigns at the plant for several years, which is how she got to know Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels. When the Willow Run plant was closing, Brenda was the coordinator for stress classes (professionally-run seminars designed to help employees cope with job loss and job change.) Brenda’s grandmother lived with her for 29 years.

During the time when Brenda was working, her grandmother received Meals on Wheels. Grateful for the help the organization gave her grandmother, Brenda says, “It is a pleasure working with seniors and Meals on Wheels.”

Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels would like to thank Brenda for her weekly service. She is a wonderful volunteer. We value her time and commitment.



We at Ypsilanti Meals on Wheels would like to publicly recognize and extend our most heartfelt thanks to all of our contributors and volunteers, whose generosity enabled us to deliver *‘more than a meal’* to our population of homebound individuals last year.

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